

March 20, 2025

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION**

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**JOSEPH SHANNON SMITH,
Plaintiff,**

Civil Action No. 7:24-cv-00719

v.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

**CHADWICK S. DOTSON, et al.,
Defendant(s).**

**By: Michael F. Urbanski
Senior United States District Judge**

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, filed a civil rights complaint, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 . Plaintiff did not prepay the filing costs or submit the information required to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b) in this court to pay the filing fee through installments from plaintiff's trust account. By order entered February 5, 2025 , the court directed plaintiff to submit within 30 days from the date of the order the consent to withholding of filing fee form in order to complete the application to proceed without the prepayment of the filing fee. Plaintiff was advised that a failure to comply would result in dismissal of this action without prejudice.

More than 30 days have elapsed, and plaintiff has failed to comply with the described conditions and has not qualified to proceed in forma pauperis under § 1915(b). Accordingly, the court dismisses the action without prejudice and strikes the case from the active docket of the court. Plaintiff may refile the claims in a separate action once plaintiff is prepared to comply with the noted conditions.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and accompanying
Order to plaintiff.

ENTERED: March 19, 2025.

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Michael F. Urbanski
U.S. District Judge
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